



City of  
**EL MIRAGE**  
Arizona

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## Be Safe This Season

### 1. BE RESPONSIBLE

The DUI Task Force will be out on many occasions keeping our roadways safe.

### 2. BE CAUTIOUS

Children will be out of school and playing with new toys, so practice caution while driving in neighborhoods.

### 3. BE ALERT

Many packages are being delivered to doorsteps, so be alert in your community and report suspicious activity.

### 4. BE A RECYCLER

Avoid leaving large empty gift boxes outside, which attract the eye of would-be criminals.

### 5. BE WISE

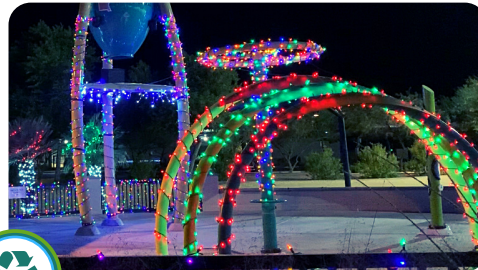
DO NOT shoot any weapons into the air as a form of celebration. It is a felony to discharge a firearm with criminal negligence within or into the city limits of any municipality. (Shannon's Law: ARS 13-3107)



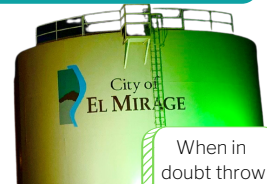
## El Mirage Sparkles for Holidays

The City of El Mirage this year added more than 100,000 lights to displays located primarily in Gateway and Gentry Parks in celebration of the season. The additional features include candy cane trees, Splash Plaza dancing lights set to music and the water towers set to green and red colors.

Digitally, the use of #ElMirageSparkles has been used to celebrate the season virtually. When visiting the City displays or simply sharing photos of your own bedazzled home, we invite you to use #ElMirageSparkles on your social media channels. We'd be happy to share your joy of the holidays on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram (public pages).



USE #ELMIRAGESPARKLES  
ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



When in  
doubt throw  
it out!



### Question? Ask the Recycle Right Wizard at EIMirageAZ.gov

What holiday items can be recycled? Paper, cans, boxes, plastics and glass can all be recycled. How about ribbons and bows? No. Gift wrap? Foil and bubble wrap, no. Paper wrap, yes! Keep out regular trash items like diapers, plastic bags, and yard clippings, so it's easier (and less costly) to process the collection.



City Council regular meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Council packets are posted on the City website at EIMirageAZ.gov under "Agendas and Minutes" and also on the City's website calendar one week prior to the meetings.

For questions, contact the City Clerk at 623-876-2943.

## Developers Continue to Choose El Mirage

Despite COVID-19, many economic development projects have continued to move forward into final approval status or are currently under construction. The Dollar Tree near Dysart and Thunderbird Roads, next to Goodwill Industries, is nearing completion.

Fourplex Investment Group (FIG) is installing infrastructure and grading for its multi-family complex on Greenway Road near Surprise Elementary School. SKW Contractors has laid foundation and is going vertical with new office and warehouse space at 13741 Main Street.

"We have additional promising leads that create an optimistic forecast leading into the next fiscal year," said El Mirage Economic Development Director Tom Doyle.



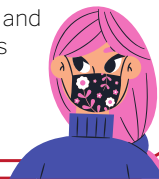
Dollar Tree under construction





## COVID-19 Community Resources, Utilities Help

Are you behind on your rent or utility bills such as water, gas or electricity? Emergency assistance is available for up to three consecutive months for residents meeting income requirements and demonstrating financial hardship caused by COVID-19. Contact Maricopa County Human Services Department at (602) 506-2000. A complete list of resources, including local human service organizations with active programs, can be found at [ElMirageAZ.gov](http://ElMirageAZ.gov). Residents may also contact the El Mirage and Surprise Community Action Program (CAP) HOPE Line (623) 222-4673.



## F.O.G. Clogs!

F.O.G. stands for fats, oil, and grease which are often left over from cooking. When poured down the drain, F.O.G. can clog your pipes, cause raw sewage backups, and lead to costly repair bills for the resident and the City.

Avoid pouring F.O.G. down your drain!

Wipe down dishes and pour excess grease and oil into a sealed container. Toss F.O.G. in the trash or bring it to collection site for recycling. The City's two holiday F.O.G. recycling locations are in the parking lots of the El Mirage Fire Station and the El Mirage (Northwest Valley) YMCA.



## Have A Fire Escape Plan

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as one or two minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds.



The El Mirage Fire Department would like to remind everyone that advanced planning on how to respond in the case a fire emergency saves lives. Take a few minutes this holiday season to gather your family together and review your fire escape plan, including every member of the household.

Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home.

## El Mirage Elected Officials

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## Are Your Trash Cans Correctly Placed?

Please place your trash can in the street, adjacent to the rolled or vertical curb of the sidewalk. Where there is no sidewalk, place the can within 12 inches of the edge of the street, pavement or right-of-way. Allow at least three (3) feet between your cans for pickup.



## Burning Waste & Other Prohibited Materials

The Maricopa County Air Quality Department regulates burn activities because the process of burning wood and other materials produces fine particulate matter, carbon monoxide and other toxins that can be harmful to your health. Burning household waste creates dangerous air pollution and is strictly prohibited. Burning yard waste (like tree trimmings) is also prohibited.



No Burn Day



Doing your part in adhering to authorized burning and recreational fire activities helps keep communities and the air we all breathe safer for everyone. Participating in illegal burning activities can result in costly fines, contributes to unsafe and unhealthy air quality and can increase risk of fire damage. For a full listing of burn and fire regulations and associated fines visit: <https://www.maricopa.gov/1830/Burning-Activities>. To find out if a "No Burn Day" has been declared visit: [Cleanairmakemore.com/noburn](http://Cleanairmakemore.com/noburn).

## Christmas Tree Disposal

The City will offer two Christmas tree disposal options for residents:

Curbside: (do not block trash containers)

Place completely empty tree without stand curbside by 5:30 a.m. Monday Jan. 6.

Drop-off: Between Jan. 6 and Jan. 10 at Public Works facility, 10355 N. 121st Ave.



## El Mirage Job Postings



Available jobs are posted on [ElMirageAZ.gov](http://ElMirageAZ.gov) "Employment Opportunities." Subscribe to our Career Pages to receive regular email updates on specific job categories. You'll receive an email notification when a position opens with the City of El Mirage matching your chosen categories.

## Seasons Greetings!



A holiday mini parade of several City vehicles spread some holiday cheer for the season, driving through many El Mirage neighborhoods lit up for the season Dec. 16. Share your decorations on social media using #ElMirageSparkles. We will re-post to spread the joy!

